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# Screenwriting

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Department assigned to the subject: Communication and Media Studies Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: 1 Semester: 1

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- -To possess and understand key knowledge to be able to be original in the development and application of ideas, often within a research context.
- -Capacity to apply knowledge and solve problems in new environments within wider contexts (or multidisciplinary) related to the area of study.
- -Capacity to integrate knowledge and confront the complexity of judgments taking limited or incomplete information as a point of departure, including reflections on social and ethical responsibilities, linked to the acquisition of knowledge and judgment.
- -Capacity to learn in order to keep studying in an autonomous fashion.
- -Screenplay development including executive production.
- -Direct and translation of screenplays into film and television images
- -Identify, select and develop proposals for film and television projects.
- -Create and explain audiovisual projects in pitching sessions.
- -Knowledge of the key tools of screenwriting for the development of film and television fiction.
- -Plan screenplays and mise-en-scene: basic notions on directing actors.
- -Plan and organize shooting plans.
- -Supervise and manage the postproduction and finalization processes.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

- 1. WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE DISCUSS A SCREENPLAY
- 2. THE SCREENPLAY: STORYTELLING OF EMOTIONS
- 3. THE SCREENPLAY AS A WORKING DOCUMENT
- 4. KEY DOCUMENTS FOR THE WRITING PROCESS
- 5. SCREENPLAY AND TEMPORALITY
- 6. THE WRITER'S TOOLS
- 7. SCREENPLAY SEMINAR

# LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

IN-CLASS AND HOME WORK Theorical class Practical classes Tutorials Team work

#### Individual student work

### **TEACHING METHODOLOGIES**

- Presentations with the support of computer and audiovisual media, in which the main concepts of the subject are developed and the bibliography is provided to complement the students' learning.
- -Critical reading of texts recommended by the professor of the subject: press articles, reports, manuals and / or academic articles, film and television scripts either for later discussion in class, or to expand and consolidate knowledge of the subject.
- -Resolution of practical cases, problems, etc., raised by the teacher individually or in a group
- -Exhibition and discussion in class, under the moderation of the professor of film and television scripts, as well as audiovisual projects

#### ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Students musst submit a work of scriptwriting. More information about deadline and procedure will be explained during the frist class.

% end-of-term-examination: 60 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 40

#### **BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Pichel, Irving La noche plena, Vértice (Filmoteca RKO.DVD), 2014
- Santesmases, Miguel Los inicios de Carlos Saura. Dos conversaiones, TECMERIN Grupo de investigación, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2021. Acesso gratuito en: https://e-archivo.uc3m.es/handle/10016/32037

# ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Jane Campion The Piano. Screenplay, Virago, 1998
- Syd Field Screenplay. The Foundations of Screenwriting, Random House, 1979 (2016)